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SUB: PRE-SHIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH DICKINSON WHO EMPHASIZED THAT FIRESTONE (GHANA) LTD. AND GHANA RUBBER ESTATES LTD. WERE GHANAIAAN COMPAINES AND NOT FOREIGN BRANCHES OF U.S. FIRM. HE SAID THAT THE MAJOR HEADACHE OF PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTON SYSTEM WAS THAT EMERGENCY SHIPMENTS WERE OFTEN HELD UP SEVERAL WEEKS AWAITING INSPECTION.

2. DICKINSON HAS BROUGHT UP MATTER ALREADY WITH GOVERNOR OF BANK OF GHANA, DR. AMON NIKOI, WHO STATED TO HIM SYSTEM WAS A "GOOD THING". COMPANIES' COMMPROLLER, C.E. HOYT, RECENTLY WROTE BANK REQUESTING EXEMPTION AND WAS REFUSED. DICKINSON SUGGESTED WE BRING MATTER UP WITH NIKOIB

3. COMMENT: FIRESTONE HAS EXCELLENT CONNECTIONS IN GOG AND HAS BOTH INFLUENTIAL PRIVATE GHANAIAANS AND GOG MEMBERS ON ITS BOARDS OF DIRECTORS. PRE-SHIPMENT REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL FIRMS HERE. WE BELIEVE THAT FIRESTONE AND NOT EMBASSY SHOULD PURSUE THIS MATTER.
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